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Members of the Washington State Building Code Council:

As a resident of Washington State, I strongly OPPOSE the elimination or reduction of Natural Gas as an energy source in all building codes. This is another Democratic Inslee/Biden "Go Green" agenda that would severely negatively affect businesses and the economy in Washington by restricting energy choice, driving up building and energy costs and forcing a reliance solely on electricity for energy needs. I submit these points which I totally agree with:

- The UTC study has not been completed to know if the electrical infrastructure can handle the additional load.
- Natural Gas is a clean energy source. Europe has deemed Natural Gas as “Clean”.
- With a potential world war before us, removing an energy source is not good policy.
- Energy costs will rise if natural gas **is** eliminated.
- Consumers prefer energy choice.
- There is natural gas burning equipment that is high efficiency and should be considered before removing an energy source.
- The costs to consumers will be extensive and any new residential building costs will rise \$20k putting some buyers out of range to purchase. **This is purely another part of the Socialist agenda to take Washington State DOWN!**
- The fiscal note may be low but the cost to consumers will be insurmountable.

**Sincerely,
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